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this isn't economic...this, I can show you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sydney, Australia?

SENATOR FRIEND: Sidney, Nebraska, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay.

SENATOR FRIEND: If there is someone in Sidney, Nebraska, that says, look, this is a huge problem and they're communicating with the Nebraska Energy Office, in order to show the Energy Office that that is a huge economic...a huge financial problem for that particular developer or builder or code official to try to meet certain pieces of the 2003 IECC, what that particular entity would have to do is communicate with the Energy Office in order to show that that economic hardship or that particular incidence exists. And then the Energy Office gives that local entity the option to drive forward and make the most cost-efficient or to get to as close to the 2003 IECC as they possibly can in the most cost-efficient manner. So it's permissive language, Senator, but it's also moving us in a direction where we're able to achieve things that we haven't been able to achieve before, like I said, with federal financing and things like that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the department is free to exercise its judgment as to whether what is requested as an exemption makes sense. They don't have to automatically grant it because somebody asks for it. Is that true?

SENATOR FRIEND: Well, no. That's true.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR FRIEND: I mean there's got to...they have to sh...I mean there is going to have to be some legitimate, you know, reasons and economic concerns raised by those particular code...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they couldn't...somebody couldn't come in